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(Case No. 99-371)

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Filed: September 7, 1999) Group Art Unit: 1632
For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like)
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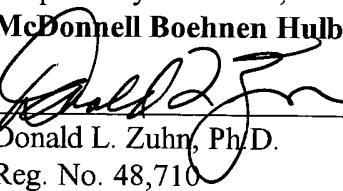
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application: Response to Restriction Requirement and return postcard.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 17, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

E1 2. (Amended) A recombinant host cell comprising a nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of any of Claims 1, 39, or 40.

E2 8. (Amended) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claims 1, 39, or 40.

Please cancel claim 47 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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